

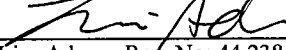
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action dated January 18, 2007.

*Amendments to the Claims* being on page 2 of this paper.

*Remarks* begin on page 8 of this paper.